

*Gutierrez to Update Press on Immigration Meeting with
President Obama, Status of Reform Efforts*

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(Chicago, IL) On Friday, March 20, Rep. Luis V. Gutierrez will hold a press conference to discuss the progress of discussions with President Barack Obama to bring about comprehensive immigration reform this year. Gutierrez and all Members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus (CHC) met with Obama at the White House on Wednesday, where the sole topic of their hour-long conversation was immigration.

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| Who: | U.S. Representative Luis V. Gutierrez (D-IL) |
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| What: | Press conference to detail outcome of immigration meeting with Obama |
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| When: | Friday, March 20, 2009 10:00 am |
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| Where: | Rebaño Church, 2435 W. Division Street St. Chicago, IL |
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Rep. Gutierrez delivered to the President more than 5,500 petitions signed by US citizens appealing to their President and elected officials for immigration reform that keeps families

together. The petitions were collected from the national Family Unity effort, a 20-city outreach tour spearheaded by the Congressman to document the human toll of our current system. Since its launch, Members of Congress and thousands of U.S. citizens from coast to coast have attended these prayer vigils and town-hall meetings, testifying to the loss and separation caused by our broken immigration system.

Family Unity events will be held in Chicago and Joliet this Saturday, with the participation of Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Archbishop of Chicago.

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